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The above amendment serves to place Claim 16 in independent form by rewriting Claim 16 and incorporating all the limitations of Claim 15 into amended Claim 16. Accordingly, support for the amendment to Claim 16 is found in original Claims 15, 16 and 19. The amendments to Claims 18, 22, 23 and 24 serves to alter the dependency of each of these claims from Claim 15 to Claim 16. In addition, Claims 15, 17 and 21 have been cancelled.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added by any of the preceding amendments.

The pending Claims in the present application are now Claims 16, 18, 20, 22-25 and 27-30. Claims 1-14 have been withdrawn from consideration in response to an earlier restriction requirement, and Claims 15, 17, 19, 21 and 26 have been cancelled.

In the Supplemental Reply Brief dated August 8, 2005, the Examiner has stated on page 7, under Section "(10) Response to Remand" that the "rejection of Claims 16 and 20 is withdrawn. It is noted that Claims 16 and 20 are objected to as depending from a rejected claims, but would be allowable if placed in independent form.

Claim 16 is now in independent form. Therefore, this objection is moot.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 20 has not been re-written in independent form as suggested by the Examiner. It is, however, Applicants position that Claim 20 is allowable as written as it is directly dependent on Claim 16 which has now been re-written and is in independent form. Thus, the objection to Claim 20 is moot.

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In light of the preceding amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. The rejections as stated in the Supplemental Reply Brief dated August 8, 2005 are moot. The allowance of Claims, 16, 18, 20, 22-25 and 27-30 is respectfully requested.

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